

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY; URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO DECLARE A CLIMATE EMERGENCY; REQUESTING LOCAL AND REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON A PLAN FOR EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION EFFORTS TO RESTORE A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE CLIMATE; PROCLAIMING A CALL TO ACTION FOR THE VILLAGE TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TOWARDS ADAPTATION, MITIGATION, AND RESILIENCY STRATEGIES; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the planet is currently experiencing climate change in the form of rising global temperatures due to the increased emission of greenhouse gasses, which can lead to severe changes in the Earth's climate by amplifying the severity and rate of climatological events that harm life, including, but not limited to severe droughts, hurricanes, flooding, and wildfires; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2016, world leaders from 175 countries recognized the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to keep the increase in global average temperature to "well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels," and to "pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C"; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Key Biscayne ("Village") has experienced the disruption and destruction already wrought by climate change through hurricanes, flooding, water quality issues and other climatic events, that are also evidenced nationwide and worldwide by increased and intensifying wildfires, floods, rising seas, diseases, droughts, and extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, the ecological effects of climate change are driving an increased rate of extinction of land and oceanic species, which could consequently devastate ecological stability and much of the biological life on Earth for future generations; and

WHEREAS, reaching zero greenhouse gas emissions around the globe will require a drawdown or removal of all the excess carbon from the atmosphere, and to implement measures to protect all people and other biological species, requiring a coordinated emergency mobilization on a global scale; and

WHEREAS, the Village is directly impacted by climate change through climatic events of increased number and size and has engaged in a series of efforts on climate adaptation, mitigation and resiliency initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Village has forged strategic relationships to build a broad coalition to support strengthening the Village's adaptation, mitigation and resiliency initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Village is committed to pursuing policies and programs that are ecologically sustainable, equitable and just for all such as prohibiting the use of plastic straws, certain fertilizers, and polystyrene food service articles that negatively impact the Village's environment; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to act as a global leader by both converting to an ecologically, socially and economically regenerative economy at emergency speed and by catalyzing a unified and coordinated climate emergency mobilization effort; and

WHEREAS, the Village commits to Village-wide climate emergency mobilization efforts to reverse climate change, aiming, with appropriate financial and regulatory assistance from Miami-Dade County (the "County"), the State of Florida, and Federal authorities, to decrease and minimize Village-wide greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible to safely drawdown carbon from the atmosphere and accelerate adaptation and resiliency strategies in preparation for intensifying climate impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Village further commits to educating its residents about the climate

emergency and working to catalyze climate emergency mobilization efforts on local, state, national, and global levels to provide maximum protection for its residents and property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Village understands the need for full community participation, inclusion, and support and recognizes that Village residents, property owners and community organizations that include faith, youth, labor, academic institutions, condominium associations, and a diverse range of civil society institutions will be integral to and in the leadership of the mobilization effort; and

WHEREAS, the Village further commits to keeping the concerns of vulnerable communities central to climate emergency mobilization efforts and inviting and encouraging such communities to actively participate in order to advocate directly for their needs; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents and property owners of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. That each of the above-stated recitals are hereby adopted, confirmed, and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Declaration of Climate Emergency; Call to Action. That the Village Council hereby declares a climate emergency; urges the County, municipalities in Miami-Dade County, the State of Florida, and the United States government to declare a climate emergency; and requests local and regional collaboration on an immediate emergency mobilization effort to restore a safe climate. The Village Council hereby declares an immediate call to action to mobilize

and engage in continued efforts to achieve adaption, mitigation and resiliency initiatives aimed at addressing climate impacts.

Section 3. **Transmittal.** That the Village Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to: the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the Majority Leader of the United States Senate; each Florida Senator and Representative in the United States Congress; the County Mayor; the County Board of County Commissioners; all municipalities within the County; all members of the South Florida Legislative Delegation; the Florida League of Cities; and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.


Section 4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.


PASSED and ADOPTED this 25th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:



JOCELYN B. KOCH
VILLAGE CLERK



MICHAEL W. DAVEY, MAYOR


APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



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